Environmental activists are calling for "mass action" protests against "bomb trains" and fracked gas or oil infrastructure during the period of May 4 to 15, 2016.

National activist groups, and regional chapters, have expressed support for protests at rail corridors and key sites related to production and transport of fossil fuels in the United States and Canada.

To date, the activist group 350.org cites planned protests in:

- Albany, New York (May 14 for protest; training camp during May 11-13);
- Anacortes, Washington (May 14 cited for protest; unstated activities planned for May 13 and 15);
- Denver, Colorado (May 12 and 14);
- Los Angeles, California (May 14);
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (May 7);
- St. Augustine, Florida (May 15);
- Vancouver, British Columbia (May 13-14);
- Washington, DC (May 15); and
- Whiting, Indiana, near Chicago (May 14).

Los Angeles, California: Protest march planned to take place on Saturday, May 14, 2016, for the downtown Los Angeles area, described by activists as "the epicenter of neighborhood and urban drilling in California – and stronghold of the fossil fuel industry," during the April 6 preparatory webinar the organizer from 350.org cited the following reasons as the impetus for the march and protest in Los Angeles:

- In November 2014, nearly three billion gallons of waste water from oil fracking companies in central California spilled into water aquifers, compounding issues during an ongoing drought.
- Oil spills into the ocean from offshore oil fracking are common.
- Fracking residue is "dumped in the ocean" and "contaminates aquifers at a time of drought."

Activists plan to march through downtown Los Angeles on Saturday, May 14, "hitting" a corporate headquarters in a demand to move to 100% renewable energy "as soon as possible."

- The demonstration begins with a rally at Los Angeles City Hall, starting at 1:00 Pacific time.
- Protesters will march approximately one mile through downtown Los Angeles, with a stop at SoCal Gas Headquarters (https://la.breakfree2016.org/logistics/).

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- The march route will "snake" for approximately 1 mile through the downtown area, with stops at the offices of SoCal Gas and the Los Angeles City Council.
- In a posting on the promotional website, the organizers of this state, "We'll let you know the exact meeting place soon."
- Participants are urged to "bring: Signs, Bullhorns, Musical Instruments, Walking shoes, Snacks/Food, Water, You shouldn't bring: Weapons of any kind, Drugs or illegal contraband."
- Information on this planned protest may be accessed at: https://la.breakfree2016.org/logistics/.\*

For each of the planned events, promotional materials seek volunteers willing to engage in civil disobedience and risk arrest to block access to ports or to "Stop the Bomb Trains."

Organizers recommend that prospective protesters who do not live near locations of planned demonstrations travel to participate or support the cause by other means, such as fundraising, making phone calls, and supporting social media advocacy campaigns.

350.org are referenced in multiple FBI investigations and assessments for their planned protests and disruptions.



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350.org is a climate-focused online campaign founded by writer/activist
No further information regarding specific LA targets.
Let me know if you have any questions.
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